

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 7-47 are pending in the application. Claims 7-20, and 23-31 have been amended. No claims have been canceled. New claims 32-47 have been added.

The Examiner objected to Figures 6 and 7 because of minor informalities. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully proposes to amend Figures 6 and 7 by completing the arrows. A marked up copy and a clean copy of Figures 6 and 7 as amended are enclosed for the Examiner to review. The Examiner is respectfully requested to approve the proposed amendments to Figures 6 and 7.

The Examiner objected to the Abstract in the Specification. Accordingly, Applicant has re-written the Abstract to overcome the objection. The Examiner is respectfully requested to replace the Abstract with the new Abstract and to withdraw the objection.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 7-31 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chang et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,134,584, hereinafter, "Chang") in view of Hidary et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,774,664, hereinafter, "Hidary"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

Claim 7 as amended teaches *an alarm clock* including *a snooze button*, *a port* for connecting to the internet, and *a timer device* for activating downloading of pre-selected information from a website through the port, and for activating the presentation of the pre-selected information on at least one of the visual display and the speaker. In contrast, Chang does not disclose an alarm clock including a snooze button, a port, and a timer device. Chang discloses only a computer system for scheduling data download over a network (Chang, col. 3, lines 27-31). Hidary does not make up the deficiencies of Chang because Hidary does not disclose an alarm clock including a snooze button, a port, and a timer device. Instead, Hidary

discloses a computer system with a television (Hidary, col. 4, lines 28-39). Since neither Chang nor Hidary discloses an alarm clock including a snooze button, a port and a timer device, claim 7 is patentable over Chang in view of Hidary. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection.

Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that it is unobvious to combine an alarm clock with a port to connect to the Internet and a timer device to activate downloading of information from the internet and presenting the information. An alarm clock is typically used for time-keeping and generating an audio signal at a user-specified time. Moreover, an alarm clock is traditionally a stand-alone appliance at home, not coupled to any network. On the other hand, coupling to the internet to download information and presenting the downloaded information are usually performed by computer systems coupled to the internet via a modem. Therefore, it is unobvious to combine a port for coupling to a network and a timer device to activate information downloading from a website and presenting the information downloaded with an alarm clock. Applicant respectfully submits that the invention as claimed is novel and unobvious. Withdrawal of the rejection under §103(a) is respectfully requested.

For at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 7, claims 13 and 23 are also patentable over Chang in view of Hidary. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections.

Claims 8-12, 14-22, and 24-31 depend, directly and indirectly, from claims 7, 13, and 23 respectively. Therefore, claims 8-12, 14-22, and 24-31 are patentable over Chang in view of Hidary for at least the same reasons discussed above with respect to claim 7. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejections.

Furthermore, with respect to claims 12 and 22, they teach an alarm clock including a speech synthesizer. The Examiner argued that it is well known to one of ordinary skill in the art

that a computer commonly further comprises a sound subsystem comprising a speech synthesizer for audibly broadcasting information over the speaker. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner. Neither Chang nor Hidary discloses a speech synthesizer in their systems. Applicant respectfully demands the Examiner to cite relevant reference to support the Examiner's position. It is respectfully submitted that claims 12 and 22 are patentable over Chang in view of Hidary for this reason in addition to the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 7. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Claims 32-47 have been added without introducing any new matter. Applicant respectfully submits that the invention as claimed is novel and unobvious over Chang and Hidary. Allowance of claims 32-47 is earnestly solicited.

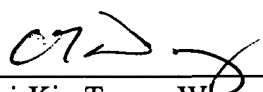
Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) have been overcome by the amendments and the remarks and withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested. Applicant submits that claims 7-47 as amended are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

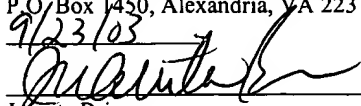
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